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Letter dated 21 May 1999 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the attack carried out by the Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA) on Tuesday, 18 May 1999, against the boat *Tabaldya*, which operates under the authority of Operation Lifeline Sudan. This attack has caused the death of a Sudanese engineer and the injury of two other nationals, and one Kenyan national, all of whom work for the World Food Programme.

This horrible crime represents yet another example of disregard on the part of the rebel movement for the provisions of the Rome Agreement it signed last November with the Government under the auspices of the United Nations and within the framework of the Joint Technical Committee for Humanitarian Affairs.

The Government of the Sudan reiterates once again its call upon the international community to bring pressure to bear on the rebel movement to abide by and fully respect the current ceasefire so as to allow the smooth and unimpeded delivery of relief supplies to the affected population and to achieve durable and lasting peace.

I would appreciate it if you could circulate the present letter as a document of the General Assembly under item 20 (b) of the preliminary list.

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